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For: ERROR DIFFUSION USING NEXT )  
SCANLINE ERROR IMPULSE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5 and 6 without prejudice and without disclaimer of  
subject matter.

Please amend Claims 10 to read as follows. A marked-up version of that  
claim, showing the change made thereto, is attached.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 9, where the  
output value of a current pixel is determined by comparison of the sum of the input value

of the current pixel and the neighbourhood error value for the pixel against a threshold value.

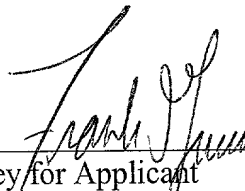
REMARKS

Claim 10 has been amended to be placed in proper multiply-dependent form. That change has not been made for purposes related to patentability. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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